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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.

Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

Week ended May 29, 1909.

Sick inspected.....	5
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	103
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	2, 347
Houses disinfected.....	62
Houses destroyed.....	1
Nuisances abated.....	295
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Rats found dead.....	41
Rats trapped.....	2, 732
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Total rats taken.....	2, 773
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1, 968
Mus rattus.....	115
Mus musculus.....	637
Mus alexandrinus.....	29
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Total.....	2, 749
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Rats identified as to sex:	
Male.....	972
Female.....	1, 061
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Total.....	2, 033
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Ground squirrels trapped.....	2
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1, 758
Plague rats.....	0
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	2
Plague squirrels.....	0
Poisons placed.....	18, 145

OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

Week ended May 22, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	21
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	563
Premises reinspected (included in above).....	400
Nuisances abated.....	104
Premises cleaned.....	98
Places made rat proof.....	1
Garbage cans installed.....	5
Rats found dead.....	59
Rats trapped.....	763
Rats identified.....	851
Mus norvegicus.....	815
Mus rattus.....	3
Mus musculus.....	29
Mus alexandrinus.....	4
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	822
Plague rats.....	0
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	29
Plague mice.....	0

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Week ended May 22.

Premises inspected.....	350
Nuisances abated.....	21
Rats found dead.....	14
Rats trapped.....	98
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	101
Plague rats.....	0

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended May 22.

Dead inspected.....	44
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	2

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

Week ended May 22.

Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Ground squirrels shot.....	49
Ground squirrels trapped.....	11
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	60
Plague squirrels.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	15
Acres covered with poison.....	139½
Poisons placed.....	1 834

Plague-infected squirrel found in Contra Costa County, Cal.

Doctor Blue further reports:

June 7. Plague-infected squirrel found June 4 on Roots' Ranch, 2 miles from Lafayette, Contra Costa County.